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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/619,560
Filing Date	July 19, 2000
First Named Inventor	Cheng, et al.
Group Art Unit	1764
Examiner Name	W.D. Griffin
Attorney Docket Number	2000B047

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 on the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice. Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000). 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on January 25, 2002
 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), filed February 20, 2002.
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 05-1712
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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In re Patent Application of:)
J. C. Cheng et al)
Confirmation No. 2046)
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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Examiner's final rejection mailed November 28, 2002,
please amend the claims as follows and consider the ensuing remarks below.

For the purpose of placing the above-identified patent application in
condition for allowance, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the existing claims 1, 2, 10, 15 and 19 with the following
amended claims 1, 2, 10, 15 and 19:

1. (Amended) A process for producing a monoalkylated aromatic compound
comprising the step of contacting a polyalkylated aromatic compound with an
alkylatable aromatic compound under at least partial liquid phase conditions and
in the presence of a transalkylation catalyst to produce a monoalkylated aromatic
compound, wherein the transalkylation catalyst comprises a mixture of at least:

(i) a first crystalline molecular sieve having a X-ray diffraction pattern
including d-spacing maxima at 12.4 ± 0.25 , 6.9 ± 0.15 , 3.57 ± 0.07 and 3.42 ± 0.07
Angstrom; and

(ii) a second crystalline molecular sieve different from the first
molecular sieve and selected from zeolite beta, zeolite Y and mordenite.